

ARGENTINA PROJECT (S200000044)

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1) Personal data. FEDERICO EDUARDO ALVAREZ ROJAS (jr.), born in Buenos Aires (Argentina) in 1943, identity card 6.015.717 Federal Police, physicist graduated at the National University of Buenos Aires, works since 1968 at the NATIONAL COMMISSION OF ATOMIC ENERGY (CNEA) where he was in charge of the I Rays Diffraction Laboratory. His wife, HELEN GRACIELA LEDESMA DE ALVAREZ ROJAS, born in Buenos Aires in 1940, identity card 4.754.885 Federal Police, graduated as national teacher, she approved examinations at the National University of Buenos Aires (physics sciences), studies on scientific computation, lastly she was working at BAIRESO S.A. (Barragins).

Both were strongly opposed to all terrorism and violent actions.

Their home address: Av. Las Heras 3660 (13 - B), Buenos Aires, Argentina

2) The assault. Past : October 1st., 1976, during the pre-dawn hours a heavily armed gang raided into the above mentioned home and kidnapped the couple forsaking the three children (12, 9 and 3 years old), astonished, frightened and innocent witnesses. They pay everything upside down and they stole at least a camera, a watch, a set for camping, etc. and the car which was parked at the street door.

3) Confidential data. Federico E. Alvarez Rojas (jr.) was nominated to go at the end of 1976 to the Canadian atomic center to work in metallurgy by virtue of the technological assistance agreement with that country. This information is given as a confidential data because of the fact that until the abduction it was an internal disposition of the CNEA. As far as we know the stay in Canada was to have been for about three years.

4) Proceedings and other actions. It has been done all the legal proceedings and possible actions, without any result until now. Summary n° 1534 (4/10/76) at the Police Station n° 21 of Buenos Aires about illegal deprivation of liberty and robbery. Four "habeas corpus" petitions were filed with negative results. File 188.244/76 (Ministry of the Interior) asking to the Minister for information of the whereabouts of disappeared couple. Petitions to the Argentina Episcopal Conference (twice), to the Archbishop of Mendoza (twice), to the International Red Cross, etc. And a large amount of personal actions at the highest levels. Until now it is impossible to have a clue.

Note 1 : Last July 25, 1977 the Massachusetts Institute of Technology offered to Federico E. Alvarez Rojas (jr.) a position of Visiting Research Scientist at the Francis Bitter National Magnet Laboratory.

Note 2 : Mrs. Alvarez Rojas began a claim against the State when she was dismissed by requirements of an antisemitic official a short time before the abduction. The Argentine Supreme Court, at the beginning of 1977, gave a sentence in behalf of the complainant condemning the State to pay a compensation of about u\$s 1500.-

Buenos Aires, October 1978.

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